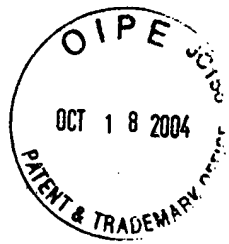


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

After filing the above application it was found that U.S. Patent 4,909,010 mentioned in the specification that the blocks can be used for curved walls. The embodiments to do this are not separately shown in the drawings.

The purpose of this amendment is to mention this feature in the specification.